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SUBJECT: GUS HALL VISITS POLAND

1. US COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL AND MRS. GUS HALL VISITED POLAND MAY 16-21. HALL WAS RECEIVED BY GIEREK AND HELD TALKS WITH OTHER PARTY LUMINARIES, INCLUDING CC FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RYSZARD FRELEK AND CC SECRETARIES ANDRZJ WERBLAN AND WINCENTY KRASKO, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. HE ALSO VISITED THE NOWA HUTA STEEL MILL AND OTHER SIGHTS IN THE KRAKOW AREA. HIS VISIT GOT MODERATE MEDIA COVERAGE, INCLUDING A LONG INTERVIEW WITH TRYBUNA LUDU EDITOR JOZEF BARACKI AND COLUMNIST MAKSYMILIAN BEREZOWSKI PUBLISHED ON MAY 20.

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2. IN THE INTERVIEW HALL SPEAKS OF GENERAL CHANGES ENHANCING

THE CPUSA'S POSITION AT HOME, INCLUDING A WEAKENING OF "COLD WAR- ATTITUDES IN THE US AND A GENERAL DISCREDITING OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES WHICH, HE ASSERTS, HAS LED TO FORMATION OF INDEPENDENT "COALITIONS." SUCH COALITIONS INVOLVING COOPERATION AMONG BLACK AND WHITE WORKER HAVE PRODUCED BLACK MAYORS IN ELECTIONS IN DETROIT AND ELSEWHERE, HE CONTENTS. SPEAKING AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S HIGHER SCHOOL FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE, ACCORDING TO ANOTHER PRESS REPORT, HALL ALSO CITED, AS SIGNS OF "CRISIS" IN THE US, ITS CONTINUING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THE "CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS"RELATED TO THE "SO-CALLED WATERGATE AFFAIR," AS THE PRESS REPORT TERMED IT.

3. ON INTERNATIONAL TOPICS, HALL IN THE TRYBUNA LUDU INTERVIEW ATTACKED "OPPORTUNISM," CITING IN PARTICULAR CHINA'S POLICY TOWARD CHILE AND BANGLADESH, BUT CLAIMING ALSO THAT COMMUNIT PARTIES IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES ARE NOT IMMUNE TO THE "DANGERS OF OPPORTUNISM." HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE NEED FOR ANOTHER WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. TRYBUNA LUSU'S FINAL REPORT OF THE VISIT ON MAY 22, WHICH READS LIKE A COMMUNIQUE, STRESSES SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND DECLARES THAT IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS BOTH SIDES" CALL FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF PREPARATIONS" FOR A WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.
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